

said second portion of said pressure plate being disposed to contact said membrane spring;

said insulating member being rigid and comprising a metal;

said metal of said insulating member being configured to minimize heat conduction from said first portion of said pressure plate to said membrane spring to minimize distortion of said membrane spring from thermal conduction of heat from said pressure plate to said membrane spring.

#### REMARKS

Claim 8 has been re-presented in this supplemental paper as requested by the Examiner in underlined form.

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